

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-3 (canceled)

4. (new) Pneumatic tire particularly suited for mounting on a rim having knurls on the bead bases facing portions and on the axially inner flanges, the tire casing having knurls with a location and a pitch complementary to the knurls of the rim such that the knurls on the tire, when mounted on the rim, interlock with the knurls on the rim which knurls are oriented so as to provide shear force resistance to tire slippage wherein the knurls being located in the bead base and in the radially inner flange contacting surface; characterized by
- the knurls on the tire being of a complementary cross-section to the knurls on the rim;
 - additional knurls on the tire being located in the radially outer flange contacting surface; and
 - the knurls on the tire being capable of interlocking with the rim knurls in the bead base, the inner flange contacting surface, and the outer flange contacting surface locations.
5. (new) The tire of claim 4 wherein the knurls have a triangular cross-section.
6. (new) The tire of claim 4 wherein the knurls on the bead base have a length L_k of at least 40% of the length of the bead base L_b .

The above amendments are supported by the original specification.